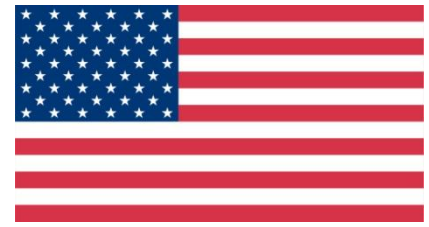




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## SERBIA



A fully democratic and economically stable Serbia fosters the peaceful development of the Western Balkans. Serbia's integration into the European Union (EU) and other Euro-Atlantic institutions remains key to U.S. foreign policy interests in the region. Concentrated U.S. assistance continues to be essential in helping Serbia strengthen and entrench democratic institutions and good governance, increase the capacity of civil-society organizations, overcome past ethnic divisions, foster broad-based economic progress, enhance its export and border controls, and build good relationships with its neighbors.

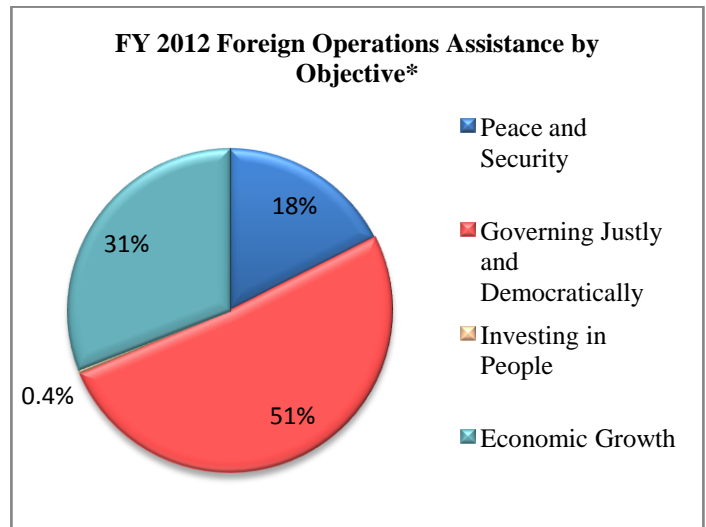
### Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Serbia:

#### *Serbia Consolidates Peace and Stability*

- The United States is providing technical assistance and training to law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and defense lawyers in fighting organized crime and corruption, terrorism, financial crimes, and the prosecution of war crimes; the U.S. government will also help the Serbian government to develop its law enforcement infrastructure.
- The United States is providing training and mentoring to Serbian court officials to improve courts' administration and transparency, while also providing in-depth training and capacity building to media organizations to bolster their independence. U.S. support for university-level exchange programs is also provided, to promote democratic values in Serbia's future leaders and help Serbian youth complete for jobs.
- In the area of economic reform, the United States is providing the Government of Serbia with technical assistance to help it reform its processes for inspections and construction permitting, which will help expand access to finance for businesses and municipalities. U.S. assistance is also helping Serbian businesses to become more competitive and expand into domestic and regional markets, including those in the agriculture sector.

#### *Serbia is Better Integrated into Euro-Atlantic Institutions*

- The United States is providing training and equipment to assist Serbian Armed Forces to train and deploy with other regional partners for United Nations (UN) and EU peacekeeping operations, including motorized infantry, military police,



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	38,837	31,144	24,363
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	33,500	0	0
Economic Support Fund	0	22,271	16,103
Foreign Military Financing	1,800	1,709	1,800
International Military Education and Training	887	997	1,050
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	3,517	3,000
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	2,650	2,650	2,410

chemical defense, and deployable medical teams. Additionally, the U.S. government is donating equipment and providing technical assistance to help Serbia improve its import-export controls.

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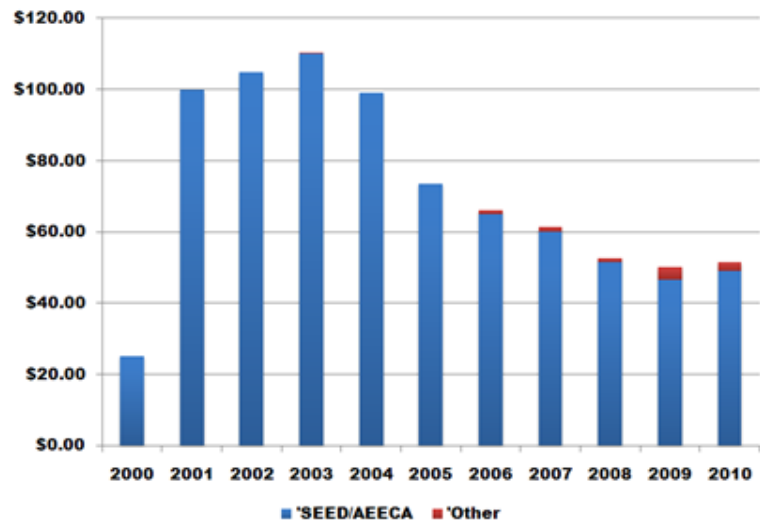
## *Serbia is Better Integrated, cont.*

- The United States is assisting the Government of Serbia to rid itself of dangerous explosive remnants of war remaining from past conflicts, and provide physical security and stockpile management assistance to help the Serbian military better maintain its small arms/light weapons and munitions.
- The United States also is helping to finance the production and equipment costs of local media and media/journalism programs, as well as providing them with media training. Special attention was paid to the print and broadcast products that emphasize democratic values: political and economic reform, inter-ethnic tolerance and reconciliation, Euro-Atlantic integration, and a free and independent press (including investigative journalism), with some funds also being used for exchange programs, conferences, media organizations, and NGOs that promote Serbia's integration into NATO.

## *Serbian Public Supports the United States and our Policies*

- The U.S. Embassy's Democracy Commission gives small grants primarily to local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in building the social and intellectual foundations of democracy, the democratic resolution of problems, and the institutionalization of open, pluralistic political processes. In addition, the U.S. government gives small grants to support networking of U.S. government exchange program alumni and their colleagues in democracy-related activities, such as association building, community action projects, civic education and participation, promotion of interethnic tolerance and understanding, and youth programs.
- The U.S. government is providing funding to student advising centers in Serbia, which actively promote U.S. higher education by offering accurate, comprehensive, objective, and timely information about education opportunities in the United States and guidance on how best to access these opportunities. U.S. funding is also supporting English-language (EL) instruction programs and outreach activities. Programs include English Language Fellow positions at Serbian universities, professional development of Serbian EL teachers, and work with NGOs and American Corners in Serbia to provide EL courses to various audiences.

**FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance (in millions)**



BY OBJECTIVE	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	38,837	31,144	24,363
Peace and Security	6,812	6,688	6,369
Governing Justly and Democratically	19,846	14,517	13,994
Investing in People	160	150	0
Economic Growth	12,019	9,789	4,000

- The United States is funding 35 undergraduate students from Serbia to spend one academic year at U.S. universities, completing courses in their major fields of study, while also focusing on learning outside the classroom and discovering the American concept of community service, including giving the students significant time to engage in community service, cultural diplomacy, and enhancing mutual understanding between the people of Serbia and the United States.
- The U.S. government is hosting recognized experts in a variety of policy-relevant fields to provide in-country consultations, lectures, seminars, training, and workshops. In 2013 themes addressed include anti-corruption, civic education, civil society, environment, ethnic, minority and women's equality, the free flow of information, human rights, and rule of law and legal reform.

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